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SUBJECT: MOBIL-TEXACO COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAINST HYDRO-CONGO

1. SUMMARY: MEETINGS BETWEEN MOBIL, TEXACO AND HYDRO-CONGO  
YIELDED VERY LITTLE BESIDES A FIRST CONTACT AND BETTER  
IMPRESSION OF TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH NEGOTIATIONS MAY  
PROCEED. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXACO ATTEMPTED TO SEND BELGIAN STAFF MEMBER TO  
BRAZZAVILLE BUT HE WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO CROSS RIVER BY  
GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEE WAS THEN SENT MARCH 14 TO  
BRAZZAVILLE WITH LETTER (REFTEL) WHICH WAS SIGNED FOR BY MR.  
BONGOUANDE, COMMISSAIRE POLITIQUE HYDRO-CONGO. THE MESSENGER  
WAS INFORMED BY BONGOUANDE THAT HYDRO-CONGO IS BUSY BALANCING  
ITS BOOKS. THE WORK WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL MID-APRIL  
AFTER WHICH BOOKS MUST BE REVIEWED BY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.  
BONGOUANDE INDICATED THAT NOT MUCH PROGRESS SHOULD BE EXPECTED  
BEFORE JUNE OR JULY.

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3. IN SEPARATE EFFORT, MOBIL DISPATCHED THEIR CHIEF  
ACCOUNTANT, MR DELENNE, WHO ARRIVED BRAZZAVILLE MARCH 7. HIS  
FIRST ROUND OF MEETING'S BEGAN MARCH 8 WITH GENERAL MANAGER  
OF HYDRO-CONGO, MR. BONGOU, AND THE ACCOUNTANT IN CHARGE OF  
COMPENSATION CLAIMS, MR. AUTSOA. THE MEETING WITH BONGOU LASTED  
ONE HOUR, THREE-QUARTERS OF WHICH WAS SPENT BY BONGOU ON THE

TELEPHONE CONDUCTING PERSONAL AFFAIRS. IN DELENNE'S MEETING WITH AUTSOA THE ONLY INFORMATION GAINED WAS ADMISSION FROM CONGOLESE THAT ONLY TEXACO AND MOBIL HAD PRESENTED WELL-DOCUMENTED CLAIMS.

4. DELENNE MET WITH AUTSOA AGAIN ON MARCH 9. AUTSOA CONFIRMED THAT HYDRO-CONGO IS BUSY WITH BALANCE SHEETS BUT NOTED THEY WERE WILLING TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOBIL AT ANY TIME. HE INDICATED THAT WORK ON AUDIT WOULD BE COMPLETED ABOUT APRIL 18. SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT AUTSOA SAID HYDRO-CONGO WANTED FROM MOBIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE: COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS, LOANS, BANK STATEMENTS, ALL TAX PAYMENTS MADE BY MOBIL TO THE CONGO IN ADVANCE, AND ALL CONTRACTS SIGNED BY MOBIL (CONTRACTS IN CONGO REQUIRE A SUBSTANTIAL TAX PAYMENT IN ORDER TO LEGALIZE THEM; REIMBURSEMENT OF THESE PAYMENTS IS ONE OF THE MATTERS CLAIMED BY MOBIL). HE ALSO LISTED A NUMBER OF ITEMS HE WANTED REMOVED FROM THE COMPENSATION CLAIM, INCLUDING INSURANCE AND DIVIDEND PAYMENTS, INVESTMENTS BY MOBIL, AND ALL BILLS OWED BY MOBIL CONGO TO MOBIL INTERNATIONAL (THESE BILLS ARE CONSIDERED BY HYDRO-CONGO TO BE STRICTLY AN INTERNAL MATTER.

5. MOBIL AND TEXACO FELT THAT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE HAD COME OF THEIR TALKS BUT THAT AN IMPORTANT CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE. TEXACO REP SUDER COMMENTED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY DOCUMENTS DESIRED BY HYDRO-CONGO CAN BE LOCATED. DOUBTLESS SOME WERE LEFT BEHIND WHEN COMPANY OFFICES CLOSED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRAZZAVILLE.  
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